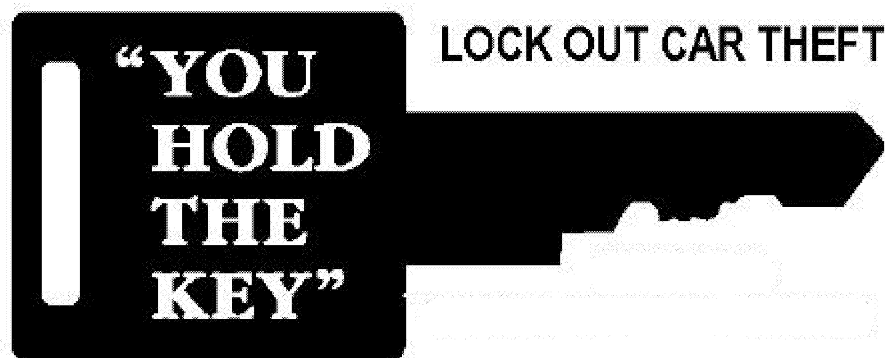
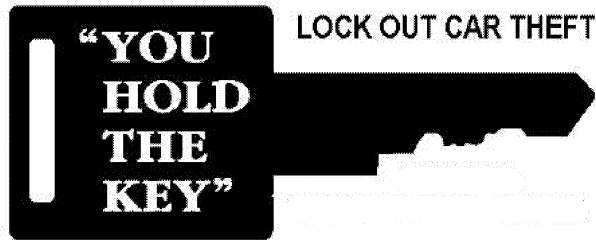


2008 Annual Report

To the Governor and Legislature of the State of Michigan



Michigan Automobile Theft Prevention Authority



THE “KEY” TO PREVENTING AUTO THEFT **IS IN YOUR HANDS**

- Lock your car and take the key.
- Use an anti-theft device.
- Put your valuables in the trunk.

PLEASE DON'T HELP THE THIEVES

- Stolen vehicles are often the “key” to police officer injuries and deaths.
- Vehicle theft is the “key” gateway to a life of crime.
- Stolen vehicles are often the “key” tool used by organized crime, drive-by shootings, and drug traffickers.

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Annual Report

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ATPA Board of Directors – Grant Hearings, July 18, 2008



From Left to Right: Russell Kohler, Ella Bully-Cummings, Peter Munoz, Fausto Martin, William Heemer, Joe Dolan, and Warren Evans

2008 Board of Directors and Staff Automobile Theft Prevention Authority

The ATPA operates under a Board of Directors appointed by the Governor. By law, the board includes the Director of the Department of State Police and representatives of law enforcement, the automobile insurance industry, and purchasers of automobile insurance.

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To the Governor and Honorable Members of the Michigan Legislature:

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of the Michigan Automobile Theft Prevention Authority (ATPA), it is a pleasure to present our 2008 Annual Report, which shows auto thefts declined by 16.5% in 2007. Since the inception of the ATPA in 1986, Michigan's auto thefts have fallen by 42.4%, and we have achieved lower theft rates in 18 of 22 years.

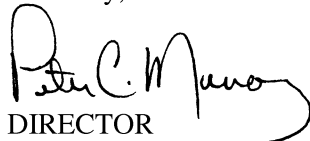
Our success in the battle against auto theft is the direct result of the dedication and effort of the 124 men and women who are part of our law enforcement units, prosecutor units, and community programs. These highly motivated individuals often go above and beyond the call of duty to recover a stolen vehicle or arrest those responsible. As you read the case stories contained in this report, you will find many instances where our grantees worked together to solve these crimes.

The highlights of the report are as follows:

- Michigan motorists are saving \$50 per insured vehicle as a result of lower thefts
- ATPA units have saved the insurance industry \$50 million in fraudulent theft claims since 1996
- In 2008, ATPA units were involved in the recovery of 4,917 stolen vehicles or parts with an estimated worth of \$39.4 million
- The return on investment of ATPA funds was \$6.39 for every \$1 spent in 2008
- In 2008, ATPA units made 2,261 arrests
- Since 1986, the program has made 50,570 arrests and recovered 63,884 vehicles or parts worth an estimated \$585.2 million

I also want to thank the 50 agencies that participate in the ATPA program. In the face of reduced grant amounts, these agencies continue to make auto theft a high priority. Without the steadfast commitment of local, county, and state agencies to this program, we could not have achieved success in reducing Michigan's auto thefts.

Sincerely,



DIRECTOR
Michigan State Police

THE AUTOMOBILE THEFT PREVENTION AUTHORITY

History and Description

History

In the mid-1980's, Michigan had the highest auto theft rate in the nation. Members of the Michigan Anti-Car Theft Campaign Committee (ACT) developed a concept that would combine the efforts of law enforcement, communities, and business against auto theft.

In 1986, Michigan's Governor and Legislature decided to try the ACT Committee's idea. So began one of Michigan's most effective weapons against crime: the Automobile Theft Prevention Authority(ATPA).

Since then, the ATPA has led the way in reducing auto thefts in the state.

A Successful Experiment

The ATPA was established with a sunset provision that automatically abolished the program unless it was renewed by the Legislature. The purpose of the sunset was to ensure that the program, created as an experiment in law enforcement, was doing its job as intended.

In 1992, the Legislature and Governor agreed that the ATPA should become a permanent state agency. The legislation was passed overwhelmingly in both the House and Senate.

How the ATPA Works

The ATPA is funded by an annual \$1 assessment on each insured noncommercial passenger vehicle, plus interest earned by investing those funds.

It is governed by a seven-member board of directors appointed by the Governor which includes representatives of law enforcement, automobile insurers, and consumers of automobile insurance.

Each year the board awards grants to law enforcement agencies, prosecutors' offices, and nonprofit community organizations. These grant programs prevent auto theft, catch auto thieves, and put the thieves in jail.

The ATPA has three staff members at Michigan State Police headquarters in East Lansing. They conduct financial and performance audits on each program, prepare reports for the board, and assist the VIN etching program.

ATPA board members are liaisons sharing crucial information with key state and national officials.

Finally, ATPA board members and staff are involved in long-range planning. Regular meetings, including an annual strategic planning session, provide updated goals and objectives for fighting auto theft.

Stretching Resources

Since its inception in 1986, funding for the ATPA has remained relatively constant. However, the cost of the ATPA funded programs has increased. For the past 22 years, the activities of the ATPA have drawn from these fixed resources in the most efficient and effective manner.

In order to stretch ATPA funds, the board requires grantees to provide matching funds for their anti-theft efforts. In 1993, grant recipients were required to provide 12.5% of total program costs. That match was increased to 25% beginning in 1994 and became 40% in 2008.

Bucking the Trend

From 1986 to 2007, auto thefts in Michigan dropped 42%. During that same time period, national thefts only fell 11%. National and state officials have agreed the ATPA is a major reason for Michigan's decline in auto theft.

As a direct result, major Michigan auto insurers' average rate of comprehensive premium, relative to other states, has been reduced. In 1987, Michigan's comprehensive premiums were 5th highest in the nation but fell to 21st highest in 2006. Michigan motorists paid \$20 into the fund from 1987 to 2006, but have saved over \$608 by not being in 5th place. The \$1 investment by owners of non-commercial passenger vehicles earned a return of \$50 in 2006.

2008 OVERVIEW OF ATPA ACTIVITY

Website

The ATPA website continues to be updated and has a revised address—www.michigan.gov/atpa. The site provides historical and current data, as well as being interactive with ATPA grantees and the general public. In 2007, a new section was added. It is called “Hot Topics” and describes current auto theft cases and trends.

Fiscal Year Change

In order to accurately reflect the ATPA fund balance to coincide with the Michigan fiscal year, the board approved a change to the grant funding year. After 9/30/08, all grants will start on October 1 and end September 30 of the following year. This necessitated a special nine-month grant year for 2008.

Grant Evaluation Work Group

- The ATPA selected Bill Heemer to head a work group to review the entire grant evaluation process and submit recommendations to the board. The goal was to clearly differentiate between grantees’ performance results in order to make the best funding decisions.
- The committee representatives were an excellent cross-section of our grantees: City of Grand Rapids, City of Detroit, Oakland County, Wayne County, and Michigan State Police.
- Staff provided this committee of policymakers with all the measurement tools currently being used: per officer arrests and recoveries; average arrest points; return on investment; reduction of thefts in area; comparing percentage of state thefts in area with percentage of ATPA funds awarded; and a review of whether units had reduced area thefts more than the overall state experience.
- All funded law enforcement officers completed a confidential ten question survey ranking from one to five how well the program was being conducted. The results were positive, and the average score was 4.2 out of 5.
- The committee reviewed the threat assessment process used on drug units.
- Committee members decided that since our grantees operate under several different approaches, attempting to objectively compare grantees’ results is like comparing apples and oranges. They will recommend to the ATPA Board that we focus on outcomes - not outputs. Members thought grantees should identify their overall mission statement in their grant application and rank the performance objectives in order of importance to them.

Grant Hearings

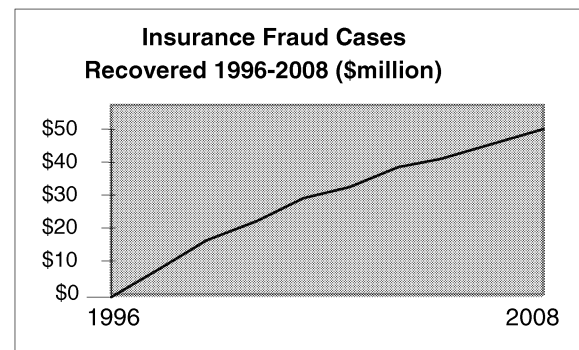
All seven board members participated in the 2009 grant hearings held on July 18, 2008, in Dearborn at the AAA Michigan Headquarters. Total grant requests were \$14 million. Final approved budgets totaled \$11.3 million, with an ATPA share of \$6.9 million. The overflow crowd saw 50 different agencies/entities receive funding, supporting 124 personnel.

Staff Change

After serving with distinction for 20 years as Executive Director of the ATPA, Mr. Valdis Vitols retired in January 2008.

Insurance Fraud Savings

A review of ATPA funded law enforcement teams in the past 13 years found that those teams were involved in 7,400 fraud cases and \$50 million in claims denied/recoveries. Without the ATPA teams, these fraudulent claims would have been paid.



VIN Etching Proves Successful

The ATPA’s multi-year study of VIN etched vehicles showed that etched vehicles are **29% less likely to be stolen** when compared to the rest of the vehicles in Michigan.

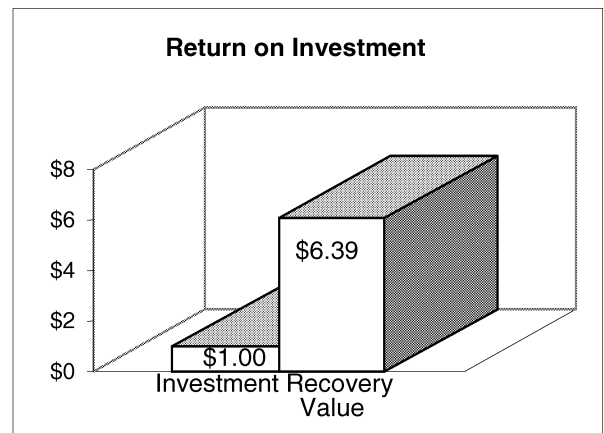
The ATPA again coordinated a statewide glass VIN etching program with AAA Michigan. This program, which was open to the general public, utilized AAA employees, ATPA non-profit groups, and the ATPA staff. Over 1,400 vehicles were etched at 40 AAA branches. Not only does it make a car less appealing to car thieves, but an etched vehicle may also qualify for a discount on the comprehensive portion of auto insurance premiums. There have been nearly 40,500 vehicles etched in this 13-year program.

TASK FORCE HIGHLIGHTS

- **“Candid Camera Sting”** The Macomb Auto Theft Squad (MATS) obtained information on an area auto theft ring, so they set up a fake chop shop and gained the trust of the thieves. The thieves brought vehicles to an industrial building which officers had equipped with hidden cameras that could cover all angles. Using the surveillance cameras, they were able to identify the suspects who sold them 50 vehicles worth over \$600,000. The officers obtained all the suspect’s addresses by offering to ship them a free t-shirt, which made serving the 15 arrest warrants much easier!
- **“Fraud Twist”** Genesee County (GAIN) officers shut down a local auto dealer who was selling vehicles and not providing the title to customers. Jim’s practice was to accept a \$5,000 down payment and send the customer off with a temp sticker on the back window. When the 30-day temp license expired customers would be given another, and then Jim would steal the vehicle back with his extra key. Following this practice, Jim was able to sell one vehicle six times to different women! After GAIN investigators cleaned up the mess and put Jim in prison, they discovered he had also been involved in the fraudulent purchase of many houses.
- **“Heart Attack Thief”** Southfield officers finally caught an older gentleman who was a one-man crime wave. Six police agencies were looking for him, and four had actually arrested him. Jason had escaped four times by acting like he was having a heart attack in his jail cell. Jail officers would take Jason to the hospital where doctors determined he really did have a bad heart and needed surgery. He was then airlifted to a nearby heart center and would walk away as soon as he got there!
- **“Liar, Liar, Car’s On Fire”** A Lansing officer investigated the theft and total burn of a vehicle where an owner had all the keys, loved his vehicle, and wasn’t behind on the payments. The officer spent a week conducting interviews and finally believed the owner’s story—case closed. Five months later, an informant told the officer the owner is now bragging about how he got away with fraud—case reopened. The owner was arrested and is awaiting trial!
- **“Memory of an Elephant”** Washtenaw officers investigated Bill for the theft of a vehicle and recovered it on his property. While there, officers observed a locked shed but did not have legal cause to open it. Several weeks later, officers learned that Bill had another stolen vehicle in the shed. When they confronted Bill, he denied it and showed them the empty shed. The officers later learned that Bill was bragging about having the stolen vehicle, and he planned to drive it right past the auto theft officers. Game on! Officers waited a year for Bill to sell the vehicle, and then they recovered it and arrested him.
- **“Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum”** During the investigation of a vehicle theft, Saginaw County officers signed Sam out of jail to assist them in locating another subject that Sam maintained had given him the stolen SUV he was arrested in. While officers talked with Sam, he provided information on the theft of a blue van. Just minutes later, a blue van passed officers and Sam excitedly indicated it was the stolen van. Officers stopped the van, determined it was in fact stolen, and arrested the driver—who indicated Sam actually stole the van and gave it to him. Officers happily escorted both men back to jail!

Return on Investment

During the first nine months of 2008, ATPA grantees achieved the following: 4,862 recovery incidents; 2,222 arrests; and over 1,900 vehicles etched. The law enforcement grantees recovered \$6.39 for every \$1 the ATPA invested.



TASK FORCE HIGHLIGHTS, Continued

- **“Second Time=Jail”** Washtenaw officers won outstanding investigator awards from HEAT (Help Eliminate Auto Theft) for arresting Jim, again. Jim worked for a cell phone store and had access to a national database of credit applications. In 2007, he used the social security number of someone with the same last name to purchase a vehicle. Officers obtained a conviction, but Jim was released on probation. In 2008, officers learned that Jim had not learned his lesson. After he confessed again to the same crime, they recovered four vehicles at his house and five vehicles he had given to friends. While officers went to a prosecutor to obtain an arrest warrant for Jim, Jim went to a dealer and committed another fraudulent purchase. When officers returned, they were shocked to find a brand new vehicle in the driveway. Jim shrugged and said, “It is just too easy.” Wrapping up the case, officers discovered Jim had purchased two houses with false ID and was paying for them with rebate checks from his car purchases!

- **“Keep it in the Hood”** Southwest Commercial Auto Recovery (SCAR) officers got a real break in a stolen vehicle investigation. It had snowed, and they were able to easily follow the tracks from the victim’s home to his neighbor’s garage! Investigators obtained permission to search the garage, and they found the stolen vehicle. They also recovered two more vehicles that had been stolen in the past three days, along with parts from three other vehicles. Interviews of four suspects led to two other individuals, and all six were arrested.

- **“Key Info.”** Western Wayne Auto Theft investigators worked for 16 months unraveling a very complex case referred to them by the Macomb County Auto Theft Squad. An organized group of individuals located vehicles they wanted and provided the vehicle identification number to a locksmith who had a personal friendship with the service manager at a GM dealership. The service manager released the confidential key code information to the locksmith who created ignition keys for his “customers.” The thieves would follow the vehicle owners and drive off with their vehicle as soon as it was left unattended.

The thieves then quickly changed the VIN’s and sold them to innocent purchasers. At the end of the investigation, officers arrested eight people on 569 felony charges in a case that involved 119 victims. The officers in both Western Wayne and Macomb County have recovered most of the vehicles but are still looking for others in what is estimated to be a million-dollar scam.

- **“A Turn for the Worse”** The Monroe Auto Theft Team was asked to identify a motorcycle that had crashed attempting to negotiate a turn while being pursued by troopers. The custom motorcycle was equipped to run on nitrous. The owner was able to elude officers on the straight portions, but he was going too fast to make a turn. The case against the owner took another turn for the worse when the engine and transmission were identified. Those parts were from a motorcycle the owner had reported stolen in 2002, and he was arrested for committing insurance fraud!

- **“Half a Sandwich?”** Hamtramck officers investigated the B & E of a vehicle (three laptop computers were taken) where Joe had almost been run over by fleeing suspects. Joe was able to get the plate number from the vehicle, so officers put the owner’s Secretary of State picture in a photo line-up. Joe immediately picked out the suspect as the person who tried to run him over. Officers obtained a search warrant for the suspect’s house and located three stolen guns, two lbs. of marijuana, \$5,000, but only one of the laptop computers.

The following table displays the 9-month performance of ATPA law enforcement auto theft consortiums.

YEAR	ARRESTS	\$ VALUE RECOVERED
1989-2003	36,842	374,946,375
2004	2,719	33,819,435
2005	2,778	37,420,835
2006	2,957	49,220,230
2007	3,073	50,391,560
2008	2,222	39,366,920
TOTALS	50,570	\$585,165,365

TASK FORCE HIGHLIGHTS, Continued

- **“Newbie Project”** Grosse Pointe Park officers reported a very successful first year of operation. They made 104 arrests and 430 recoveries with an estimated value of \$2.4 million. Forty percent of those recoveries were achieved within 72 hours of the theft, and the vehicles were still in good condition. Auto thefts have been reduced by 22% to 30% in participating jurisdictions (five Grosse Pointe’s and Harper Woods). The unit won a HEAT award for an undercover operation at the Chrysler Corporation which resulted in the arrest of four individuals who were creating a serious theft problem for Chrysler.
- **“One Thing Leads to Another”** Oakland County Auto Theft investigators were requested by AAA to review John’s auto theft claim. Officers verified that John’s claim was fraudulent, and they recovered his leased Ford F-150 with an odometer switch under the dash. When officers confronted John with the facts, he decided to make a deal and tell officers where he had the odometer switch installed. John took an undercover officer to his contact at the dealership, and the officer leased a vehicle with the understanding that an odometer switch would be installed. When the officer picked up the vehicle, the contact demonstrated how the switch worked. At that point, other officers moved in to make the arrest. Officers found four other dealership employees had installed the odometer switches resulting in four additional arrests.
- **“No Bull Zone”** Detroit Auto Theft units obtained information that Bull Auto Parts was buying stolen vehicles, stripping them, and selling the parts from their store or via their Web site. Detroit officers obtained a search warrant for the business and requested all the ATPA-funded auto theft units in Wayne County to assist them. Bull Auto Parts has two large buildings, and it took about 35 officers two full days to review the store’s records and check the parts inventory. Their search revealed the owner was running a chop shop, retagging vehicles, and fixing vehicles with stolen parts or just selling them. Officers also found four guns. This cooperation between multi-jurisdictional auto theft units resulted in solving one of the largest chop shop cases

in the history of the Detroit Police Department.

- **“Trends”** Grand Rapids Auto Theft investigators reported they had a rash of cases where a group of teenagers visited a dealership and while several teens engaged salespeople on the pretext that “daddy’s going to buy me a car”, the other teens stole keys off desks. The teens returned at night, hit the key fob to find the vehicles, and then drove off.

Vehicle Theft Rates

From 1986 to 2007, both Michigan’s population and registered vehicle fleet have grown 10% and 33% respectively. Despite these factors, Michigan’s theft rate per 100,000 population and per 100,000 registered vehicles has fallen dramatically.

THEFT RATE	1986	2007	% CHANGE
Population	787.5	412.1	-47.7
Vehicles	999.5	433.3	-56.6

- **“Isn’t Love Grand?”** An Ottawa County Auto Theft officer investigated a case where Jenny’s ex-boyfriend, Jim, sold her car while she was in jail. Jim visited the jail and requested the correction officer to have Jenny sign the title so he could sell it to bail her out, but Jenny refused. So....Jim signed the title for her and sold the car to Jill, his current girlfriend. Now Jim has to worry about making his own bail!
- **“Financial Advice?”** Detroit Auto Theft investigators worked with Troy PD to arrest Steven on identity fraud. Steven ran an investment business and after meeting with a client, he went to a Troy dealership using his client’s social security number on the credit application. On his way out of the dealership, Steven (caught on video) stole the keys to a 2008 Cadillac and drove off with it. Detroit officers staked out his business and arrested Steven as he got into the stolen vehicle. He had multiple identification credit cards in his possession. Shortly after Steven confessed, an FBI agent showed up to indicate they were investigating him for over a million dollars in fraud on many victims.

2007 FBI MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS					
Total			Theft Rate per		
State		2007 MVT	State		100,000 pop.
1	California	219,392	1	District of Columbia	1,291.9
2	Texas	93,899	2	Nevada	870.5
3	Florida	73,656	3	Arizona	763.4
4	Arizona	48,389	4	Washington	581.6
5	Georgia	42,594	5	California	600.2
6	MICHIGAN (UCR)	41,510	6	Hawaii	523.2
7	Washington	37,622	7	Maryland	505.4
8	Illinois	33,887	8	New Mexico	453.8
9	Ohio	33,779	9	Georgia	446.3
10	Maryland	28,393	10	MICHIGAN (UCR)	412.1
11	New York	28,030	11	Missouri	404.6
12	North Carolina	27,966	12	Florida	403.6
13	Pennsylvania	26,461	13	Texas	392.8
14	Missouri	23,874	14	Oregon	388.2
15	Nevada	22,331	15	South Carolina	386.3
16	New Jersey	21,953	16	Oklahoma	372.1
17	Tennessee	21,658	17	Alaska	353.8
18	Indiana	19,557	18	Louisiana	353.6
19	South Carolina	17,046	19	Tennessee	351.8
20	Colorado	16,792	20	Colorado	345.4
21	Louisiana	15,180	21	Utah	333.1
22	Massachusetts	14,992	22	Indiana	308.2
23	Oregon	14,549	23	North Carolina	308.6
24	Alabama	14,230	24	Kansas	308.5
25	Virginia	14,054	25	Alabama	307.5
26	Oklahoma	13,459	26	Rhode Island	305.0
27	Wisconsin	13,433	27	Ohio	294.6
28	Minnesota	12,526	28	Mississippi	286.8
29	Connecticut	9,167	29	Nebraska	284.9
30	New Mexico	8,939	30	New Jersey	283.4
31	Utah	8,812	31	Massachusetts	279.0
32	Kentucky	8,675	32	Delaware	267.8
33	Kansas	8,703	33	Illinois	263.7
34	District of Columbia	7,600	34	Arkansas	265.5
35	Mississippi	7,381	35	Connecticut	261.7
36	Arkansas	7,010	36	Minnesota	258.9
37	Hawaii	6,715	37	Wisconsin	252.5
38	Nebraska	5,201	38	Pennsylvania	237.4
39	Iowa	4,885	39	Kentucky	219.8
40	West Virginia	3,492	40	West Virginia	215.6
41	Rhode Island	3,226	41	Virginia	193.8
42	Delaware	2,316	42	Montana	185.0
43	Alaska	2,418	43	Iowa	167.9
44	Idaho	2,226	44	New York	166.4
45	Montana	1,755	45	Idaho	165.6
46	New Hampshire	1,299	46	North Dakota	159.2
47	Maine	1,259	47	Wyoming	150.7
48	North Dakota	914	48	New Hampshire	108.1
49	Wyoming	796	49	Maine	101.4
50	South Dakota	735	50	Vermont	93.9
51	Vermont	641	51	South Dakota	91.8
NATIONAL TOTAL		1,095,769	NATIONAL AVERAGE		363.3

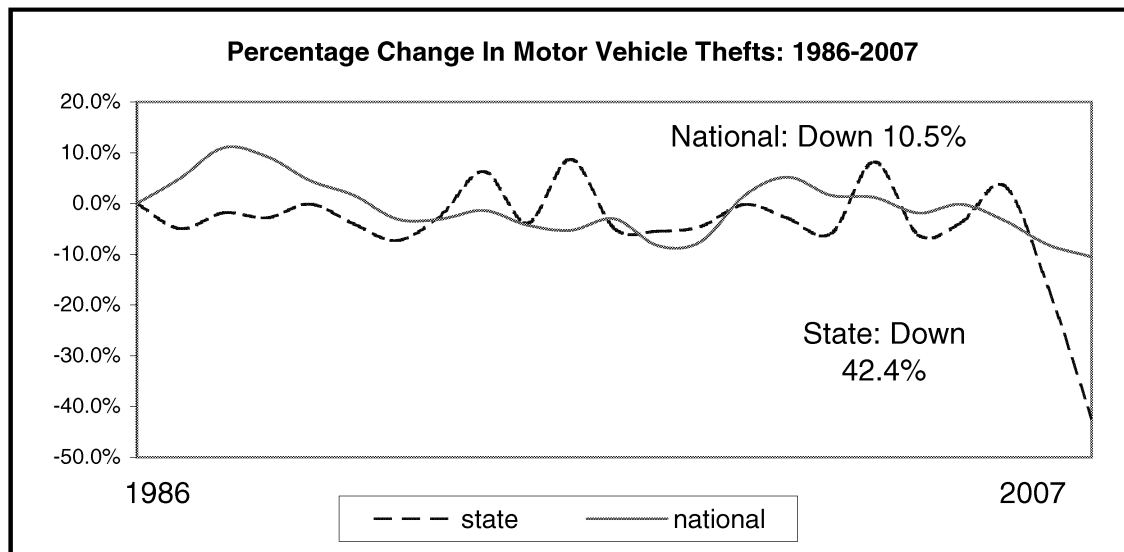
STATES WITH HIGHEST MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS (FBI)					
	1986	1996	2007	1996-2006 CHANGE	1986-2006 CHANGE
CALIFORNIA	205,597	242,466	219,392	-9.5%	6.7%
TEXAS	119,121	104,928	93,899	-10.5%	-21.2%
FLORIDA	69,824	103,769	73,656	-29.0%	5.5%
ARIZONA	13,892	41,034	48,389	17.9%	248.3%
GEORGIA	26,264	46,215	42,594	-7.8%	62.2%
MICHIGAN UCR	72,021	62,930	41,510	-34.0%	-42.4%
WASHINGTON	14,037	28,893	37,622	30.2%	168.0%
ILLINOIS	72,587	58,077	33,887	-41.7%	-53.3%
OHIO	40,396	45,528	33,779	-25.8%	-16.4%
MARYLAND	24,334	36,083	28,393	-21.3%	16.7%
NEW YORK	113,247	89,900	28,030	-68.8%	-75.2%
NORTH CAROLINA	13,186	24,566	27,966	13.8%	112.1%
PENNSYLVANIA	42,130	49,690	26,461	-46.7%	-37.2%
MISSOURI	22,233	23,992	23,784	-0.9%	7.0%
NEVADA	4,600	11,194	22,331	99.5%	385.5%
NEW JERSEY	59,096	46,437	21,953	-52.7%	-62.9%
TENNESSEE	26,109	34,428	21,658	-37.1%	-17.0%
INDIANA	18,027	24,817	19,557	-21.2%	8.5%
SOUTH CAROLINA	9,344	15,849	17,046	7.6%	82.4%
COLORADO	15,876	15,206	16,792	10.4%	5.8%
NATIONAL	1,224,127	1,395,192	1,095,769	-21.5%	-10.5%

U.S. TOP 10 MOST STOLEN	
2006 Model Year	NICB 2007 Data
Source: NHTSA, July 2008	(All Years and Models)
MAKE/MODEL	MAKE/MODEL
1. Dodge Charger	1. 1996 Dodge Caravan
2. Pontiac Grand Prix	2. 2000 Dodge Intrepid
3. Chrysler 300	3. 1997 Ford Taurus
4. Pontiac G6	4. 2005 Dodge Ram Pickup
5. Chevrolet Malibu	5. 2000 Jeep Grand Cherokee
6. Ford Taurus	6. 1994 Plymouth Voyager
7. Chevrolet Impala	7. 2005 Pontiac Grand Prix
8. Chevrolet Cobalt	8. 1997 Dodge Stratus
9. Nissan Sentra	9. 1994 Oldsmobile Cutlass
10. Hyundai Sonata	10. 2005 Dodge Durango

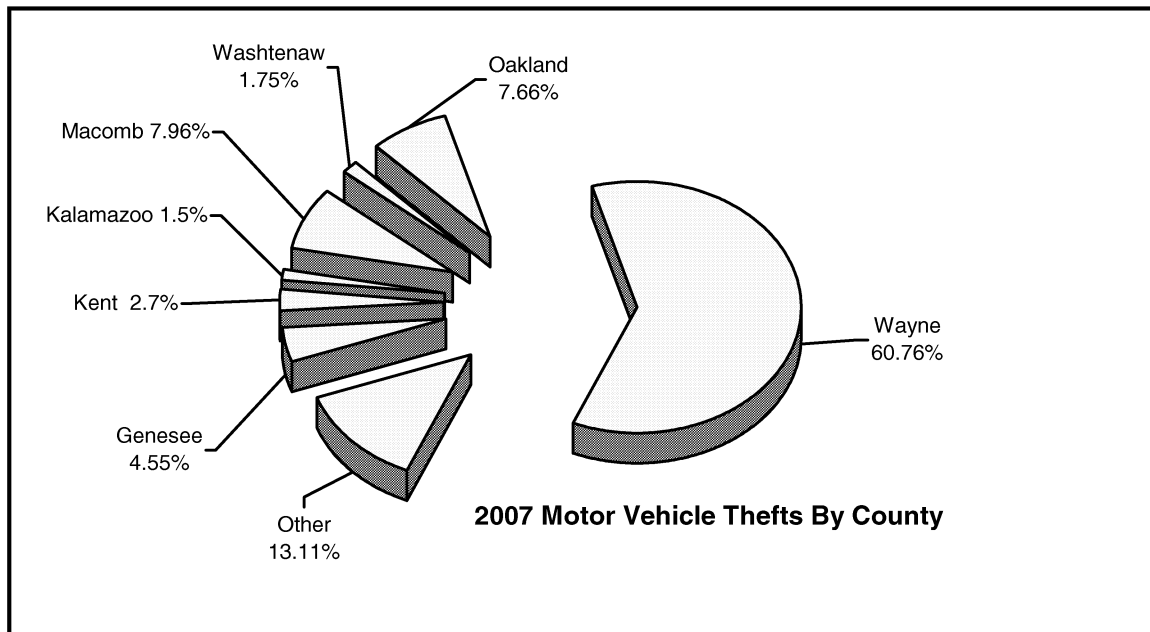
MICHIGAN MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT TRENDS

The following table provides data indicating that from 1986 to 2007, Michigan thefts have declined 42.4% and national thefts have declined by 10.5%.

Year	State		Detroit		National	
	Thefts	% Change	Thefts	% Change	Thefts	% Change
1986	72,021		31,913		1,224,127	
1987	68,415	-5.0	29,811	-6.6	1,285,300	5.0
1988	67,211	-1.8	30,123	1.0	1,432,916	11.5
1989	65,297	-2.8	28,123	-6.6	1,564,800	9.2
1990	65,220	-0.1	30,376	8.0	1,635,907	4.5
1991	62,636	-4.0	28,740	-5.4	1,661,738	1.6
1992	58,037	-7.3	27,344	-4.9	1,610,834	-3.1
1993	56,670	-2.4	28,061	2.6	1,561,047	-3.1
1994	60,227	6.3	29,569	5.4	1,539,097	-1.4
1995	57,895	-3.9	29,273	-1.0	1,472,732	-4.3
1996	62,930	8.7	34,265	17.1	1,395,192	-5.3
1997	59,826	-4.9	33,439	-2.4	1,353,707	-3.0
1998	56,536	-5.5	28,651	-14.3	1,240,754	-8.3
1999	54,018	-4.5	26,607	-7.1	1,147,305	-7.5
2000	53,889	-0.2	25,892	-2.7	1,165,559	1.6
2001	52,310	-2.9	24,537	-5.2	1,226,457	5.2
2002	49,248	-5.9	23,857	-2.8	1,246,096	1.6
2003	53,307	8.2	25,356	6.3	1,260,471	1.2
2004	49,982	-6.2	24,573	-3.1	1,237,114	-1.9
2005	48,064	-3.8	21,439	-12.8	1,235,226	-0.2
2006	49,709	3.4	22,918	6.9	1,192,809	-3.4
2007	41,510	-42.4	19,655	-14.2	1,095,769	-8.1
% Change		-42.4		-38.4		-10.5



COUNTIES WITH HIGHEST MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS



COUNTY	MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS			CHANGE	CHANGE	CHANGE
	1986	1996	2007	1986-1996	1996-2007	1986 -2007
WAYNE	43,300	42,602	25,223	-2%	-41%	-42%
MACOMB	5,832	2,836	3,304	-51%	17%	-43%
OAKLAND	9,310	3,886	3,181	-58%	-18%	-66%
GENESEE	3,290	3,329	1,887	1%	-43%	-43%
KENT	1,778	1,542	1,121	-13%	-27%	-37%
WASHTENAW	1,449	1,122	728	-23%	-35%	-50%
INGHAM	812	857	526	6%	-39%	-35%
KALAMAZOO	591	556	623	-6%	12%	5%
SAGINAW	569	588	541	3%	-8%	-5%
MUSKEGON	331	408	402	23%	-1%	21%
CALHOUN	244	473	323	94%	-32%	32%
ST. CLAIR	261	308	280	18%	-9%	7%
JACKSON	308	277	269	-10%	-3%	-13%
MONROE	279	438	266	57%	-39%	-5%
BERRIEN	408	474	275	16%	-42%	-33%
BAY	175	272	187	55%	-31%	7%
OTTAWA	194	226	97	16%	-57%	-50%
LIVINGSTON	204	172	119	-16%	-31%	-42%
VAN BUREN	150	116	156	-23%	34%	4%
EATON	122	172	129	41%	-25%	6%
REMAINDER	2,414	2,276	1,873	-6%	-18%	-22%
STATE TOTAL	72,021	62,930	41,510	-12.6%	-34.0%	-42.4%

AGENCIES WITH MORE THAN 100 MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS

JURISDICTION	2001 THEFTS	2002 THEFTS	2003 THEFTS	2004 THEFTS	2005 THEFTS	2006 THEFTS	2007 THEFTS	% CHG 2001-2007
DETROIT	24,537	23,857	25,356	24,573	21,439	22,918	19,655	-19.9
WARREN	1,118	1,148	1,587	1,402	1,633	1,805	1,163	4.0
FLINT	1,965	1,342	1,298	1,563	1,583	1,521	1,034	-47.4
DEARBORN	1,176	937	1,317	1,037	1,082	1,035	801	-31.9
SOUTHFIELD	828	795	1,126	813	850	707	631	-23.8
PONTIAC	546	457	409	469	488	565	615	12.6
GRAND RAPIDS	677	673	709	739	678	697	589	-13.0
HAMTRAMCK	696	519	632	368	631	534	454	-34.8
REDFORD TWP (Wayne)	371	437	453	508	535	562	436	17.5
ROSEVILLE	346	349	454	351	343	550	427	23.4
TAYLOR	525	480	556	482	471	371	422	-19.6
LANSING	483	407	456	471	412	472	357	-26.1
EASTPOINTE	258	263	378	367	387	554	356	38.0
KALAMAZOO	483	596	395	313	319	395	351	-27.3
DEARBORN HGTS	312	266	384	361	417	370	342	9.6
WESTLAND	549	467	531	435	465	446	332	-39.5
SAGINAW	403	380	280	332	376	340	327	-18.9
HARPER WOODS	132	164	435	281	347	475	322	143.9
LINCOLN PARK	273	312	302	342	403	377	315	15.4
CLINTON TWP (Macomb)	328	278	310	264	298	316	311	-5.2
WASHTENAW CO. SHERIFF	362	357	427	381	338	305	292	-19.3
LIVONIA	277	228	271	289	283	313	267	-3.6
STERLING HGTS	270	245	292	235	239	343	244	-9.6
MACOMB CO. SHERIFF	173	175	154	157	256	302	232	34.1
ST. CLAIR SHORES	179	155	277	156	247	290	221	23.5
FLINT TWP (Genesee)	345	265	223	221	287	193	216	-37.4
SOUTHGATE	168	130	225	237	227	162	215	28.0
WYOMING	233	233	214	190	211	259	209	-10.3
BATTLE CREEK	331	285	230	181	187	218	206	-37.8
OAKLAND CO. SHERIFF	370	360	375	310	261	245	197	-46.8
OAK PARK	144	198	245	230	302	257	196	36.1
KENT CO. SHERIFF	278	253	234	199	194	186	188	-32.4
ROMULUS	249	232	290	253	167	166	184	-26.1
MADISON HEIGHTS	241	179	299	246	303	275	175	-27.4
MONROE CO. SHERIFF	262	238	214	200	241	233	175	-33.2
INKSTER	302	271	219	340	266	257	170	-43.7
HAZEL PARK	161	132	191	172	253	257	170	5.6
TROY	205	125	159	117	136	147	170	-17.1
FARMINGTON HILLS	164	108	160	137	153	168	166	1.2
ANN ARBOR	163	182	225	182	238	173	160	-1.8
MUSKEGON	235	410	216	238	238	170	158	-32.8
WATERFORD TWP (Oakland)	203	142	163	188	171	156	157	-22.7
ROYAL OAK	166	143	155	136	189	192	144	-13.3
KALAMAZOO CO. SHERIFF	135	184	221	124	123	132	139	3.0
FERNDAL	134	164	162	142	154	196	136	1.5
MT MORRIS TWP (Genesee)	262	179	194	197	185	179	127	-51.5
SHELBY TWP (Macomb)	97	59	81	98	98	115	126	29.9
CANTON TWP (Wayne)	165	141	155	147	145	141	117	-29.1
JACKSON	197	186	141	146	153	118	109	-44.7
VAN BUREN TWP(Wayne)	80	68	108	114	77	46	108	35.0
MUSKEGON HEIGHTS	169	254	213	196	121	102	107	-36.7
YPSILANTI	170	141	151	187	155	126	101	-40.6
BROWNSTOWN TWP(Wayne)	85	80	89	73	106	100	100	17.6

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS - TOP 20 COUNTIES			
COUNTY	2006 THEFTS	2007 THEFTS	% CHANGE 2006-2007
WAYNE	29,597	25,223	-15
MACOMB	4,578	3,304	-28
OAKLAND	3,636	3,181	-13
GENESEE	2,581	1,887	-27
KENT	1,308	1,121	-14
WASHTENAW	793	728	-8
KALAMAZOO	671	623	-7
SAGINAW	628	541	-14
INGHAM	704	526	-25
MUSKEGON	471	402	-15
CALHOUN	330	323	-2
ST. CLAIR	320	280	-13
BERRIEN	247	275	11
JACKSON	296	269	-9
MONROE	294	266	-10
BAY	217	187	-14
VANBUREN	167	156	-7
EATON	156	129	-17
LIVINGSTON	193	119	-38
ALLEGAN	116	114	-2
STATE TOTAL	49,709	41,510	-16



MICHIGAN'S MOST STOLEN	
Make/Model	
1.	2000 Dodge Intrepid
2.	1999 Dodge Intrepid
3.	2000 Dodge Caravan
4.	1996 Dodge Caravan
5.	2005 Dodge Ram
6.	2000 Jeep Cherokee
7.	1999 Dodge Caravan
8.	1998 Dodge Caravan
9.	1999 Jeep Cherokee
10.	1997 Ford Taurus
11.	2006 Dodge Durango
12.	1999 Ford Taurus

THIEVES FAVORITE CHOICES		
Color	Month	Day of Week
1. Black	1. August	1. Monday
2. White	2. July	2. Tuesday
3. Blue	3. June	3. Wednesday
4. Red	4. September	4. Thursday
5. Green	5. May	5. Friday
6. Silver	6. October	6. Saturday
7. Gray	7. January	7. Sunday
8. Maroon	8. April	
9. Gold	9. November	
10. Tan	10. March	
11. Purple	11. December	
12. Brown	12. February	

2008 ATPA GRANT PERFORMANCE

As Reported for the Period of Jan. 1-Sept. 30, 2008

LAW ENFORCEMENT	ATPA GRANT AWARD	VALUE VEHICLE & EQUIP RECOVERED	RECOVERIES			ARRESTS	
			PASS VEHICLE	OTHER VEHICLE	PARTS INCIDENT	MVT	OTHER
Detroit PD-Central	\$ 576,849	\$ 14,600,205	2,078		2	189	2
Detroit PD-Precincts	\$ 635,897	\$ 3,139,090	373			378	24
Detroit Fire Dept.	\$ 60,593	\$ 868,920	177			26	
Dearborn PD	\$ 119,268	\$ 652,000	57			38	3
Grand Rapids PD	\$ 277,502	\$ 1,350,600	117	9	2	128	46
Grosse Pointe Park PD	\$ 350,501	\$ 2,390,160	428		2	92	12
Hamtramck PD	\$ 105,636	\$ 402,130	65		2	15	10
Lansing PD	\$ 67,142	\$ 460,350	58			31	
Muskegon Hgts. PD	\$ 68,318	\$ 211,000	24			16	3
Saginaw PD	\$ 169,197	\$ 947,995	118	6	1	109	16
Southfield PD	\$ 153,836	\$ 744,725	38	1	1	31	
Genesee Sheriff	\$ 392,624	\$ 1,479,635	191	19	4	87	10
Macomb Sheriff	\$ 643,272	\$ 3,208,340	227	14	1	280	4
Oakland Sheriff	\$ 673,379	\$ 1,758,420	171	15	4	193	19
Ottawa Sheriff	\$ 52,207	\$ 173,915	15	6	5	22	16
MSP Training	\$ 118,560	\$ 78,000	24			4	
MSP Western Wayne	\$ 664,013	\$ 2,482,524	172	13	5	193	10
MSP Downriver	\$ 434,243	\$ 2,899,690	223	19	4	70	1
MSP Monroe	\$ 84,100	\$ 171,900	8	4	5	17	
MSP S.W. Michigan	\$ 367,044	\$ 1,256,320	123	18	1	91	15
MSP Washtenaw	\$ 142,558	\$ 91,000	4	8		20	1
Subtotal	\$ 6,156,739	\$ 39,366,919	4,691	132	39	2,030	192
PROSECUTORS		WARRANTS ISSUED	EXAMS HELD	EXAMS WAIVED	PRETRIAL GUILTY PLEAS	TRIALS	TRIAL CONV.
Genesee County Pros.	\$ 89,121	161	72	86	138		
Oakland County Pros.	\$ 169,740	218	42	172	212	1	1
Saginaw County Pros.	\$ 61,218	106	26	60	116	2	2
Macomb County Pros.	\$ 80,435	237	9	127	218		
Wayne County Pros.	\$ 432,886	1,692	210	1,281	1,334	13	11
Attorney General/NICB	\$ 159,750	5	9	6	7	1	1
Subtotal	\$ 993,150	2,419	368	1,732	2,025	17	15
NON-PROFITS		VEHICLES ETCHED	TRAINING MEETINGS	TITLE HISTORY			
Dept. of State	\$ 70,142			2,381			
Arab Am. & Chaldean	\$ 24,835	257	11				
W.Grand-Grand Rapids	\$ 31,633	1,002	18				
SW Detroit Bus. Assoc	\$ 28,663	376	37				
Mt. Olive Grand Lodge	\$ 15,756	439	30				
Subtotal	\$ 171,029	2,074	96	2,381			
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 7,320,918						

2009 GRANT AWARDS

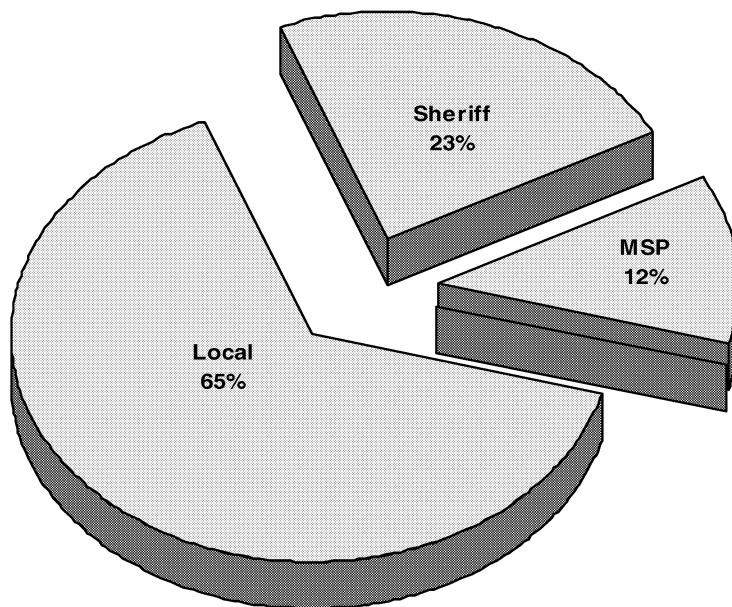
Organization	Employees Funded	Grantee Share (40%)	ATPA Share (60%)	Total Budget
LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES				
Grosse Pointe Park PD Eastside Team	6.0	\$222,075	\$333,113	\$555,188
Genesee County Sheriff Department	7.0	251,279	376,919	628,198
Detroit Fire Department	1.0	38,779	58,169	96,948
Hamtramck Police Department	2.0	67,606	101,409	169,015
Southfield Police Department	2.0	98,456	147,684	246,139
Michigan Department of State	2.0	44,891	67,336	112,226
Oakland County Sheriff Department	11.0	428,263	642,395	1,070,658
Ottawa County Sheriff Department	1.0	33,412	50,118	83,531
Macomb County Sheriff Department	10.0	411,696	617,545	1,029,241
Muskegon Heights Police Department	1.5	43,724	65,586	109,310
Southwest Michigan Team/S.C.A.R.	5.75	234,908	352,362	587,271
Downriver Team	7.0	277,896	416,844	694,741
Dearborn Police Department	2.0	76,332	114,498	190,830
Monroe County Team	1.0	53,824	80,736	134,560
Western Wayne Team	11.0	424,968	637,452	1,062,419
Washtenaw Area County Team	2.0	91,237	136,855	228,092
Detroit Police Department-Precincts Team	13.0	406,974	610,461	1,017,435
Saginaw Police Department	3.8	111,213	166,820	278,033
Detroit Police Department-Insurance Fraud/Conspiracy Team	12.0	369,183	553,775	922,958
Grand Rapids Combined Team	5.0	177,601	266,401	444,002
Lansing Police Department	1.0	42,972	64,457	107,429
Total, Law Enforcement Agencies (includes 8.6 FTE support staff)	107.05	\$3,907,290	\$5,860,934	\$9,768,224
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S OFFICES				
Genesee County Prosecuting Attorney	1.5	\$57,037	\$85,557	\$142,594
Oakland County Prosecuting Attorney	2.0	108,635	162,953	271,589
Saginaw County Prosecuting Attorney	1.0	39,180	58,770	97,950
Macomb County Prosecuting Attorney	1.0	51,479	77,218	128,696
Wayne County Prosecuting Attorney	7.0	277,050	415,576	692,626
Total, Prosecuting Attorneys (includes 2.5 FTE support staff)	12.5	\$533,381	\$800,074	\$1,333,455
NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS (No Matching Funds Required)				
Arab American & Chaldean Council (ACC)-Detroit	.45		\$22,352	\$22,352
West Grand Neighborhood Organization-Grand Rapids	1.09		37,959	37,959
MAVTI Training Grant-Statewide	1.50		113,130	113,130
S.W. Detroit Business Association Policing Project-Detroit	0.80		34,396	34,396
Mt. Olive Grand Lodge (MOGL)-Detroit	0.54		14,180	14,180
Total, Non-Profit Organizations	4.38		\$222,017	\$222,017
Grand Totals	123.93	\$4,440,671	\$6,883,025	\$11,323,696

Funding by Category

For 2009, the ATPA awarded 85.2% of its funds to law enforcement agencies, 11.6% to prosecutor offices, and 3.2% to non-profit organizations. The matching fund amount was increased from 25% to 40% for law enforcement and prosecutor projects. Non-profit organizations retained 100% funding by the ATPA.

OFFICERS SUPPORTED BY ATPA - 2009

TEAMS	LOCAL	SHERIFF	MSP	TOTAL
MAVTI Training Grant	1.5			1.5
Grosse Pointe Park PD	2	4		6
Genesee County Auto Theft Team	5	1		6
Ottawa County Sheriff Dept.		1		1
Detroit Fire Department	1			1
Hamtramck Police Dept.	2			2
Southfield Police Dept.	2			2
Oakland County Auto Theft Team	4	7		11
Macomb County Auto Theft Team	5	3	1	9
Muskegon Heights Auto Theft Team	1.5			1.5
S.W. Michigan-SCAR Team	2	1	2	5
Downriver Team		2	4	6
Dearborn Police Dept.	2			2
Monroe County Auto Theft Team			1	1
Western Wayne Auto Theft Team	5	2	3	10
Washtenaw County Team		1	1	2
Detroit Police Dept.-APC Team	12			12
Saginaw Co. Auto Theft Team	2	1		3
Detroit Police Dept.-CAT Team	12			12
Grand Rapids Combined Team	5			5
Lansing Police Dept.	1			1
Total	65	23	12	100
Percentage Of Total	65.0%	23.0%	12.0%	100.0%



Officers Supported By ATPA

AUTOMOBILE THEFT PREVENTION AUTHORITY

Department of State Police Schedule of Sources and Disposition of Authorizations and Changes in Balances Fiscal Years Ended September 30

	2008	2007
SOURCES		
Insurance Company Assessments	\$6,350,687	\$6,371,951
Interest on Investments	150,502	252,552
Other Income	<u>178,301</u>	<u>17,650</u>
TOTAL	\$6,679,490	\$6,642,153
DISPOSITION		
Automobile Theft Prevention Grants	\$9,052,174	\$8,465,462
Office Operations	446,130	407,670
Budget and Finance Assessment	26,900	25,798
Human Resource Assessment	5,000	4,583
Civil Service Assessment	3,429	3,506
Internal Audit Assessment	4,135	3,725
Technology/Communication Assessments	5,384	0
Treasury Investment Fee	<u>2,300</u>	<u>3,200</u>
TOTAL	\$9,545,452	\$8,913,944
Excess of Sources Over (Under) Disposition	(\$2,865,962)	(\$2,271,791)
Beginning Balances	<u>3,945,091</u>	<u>6,216,882</u>
Ending Balances	\$1,079,129	\$3,945,091
Reserve for Grants Previously Awarded	\$ 0	\$2,504,004
Unrestricted Balances	<u>1,079,129</u>	<u>1,441,087</u>
Total Unexpended Balances	\$1,079,129	\$3,945,091

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial schedule.

Note 1: Significant Accounting Policies

a. Reporting Entity

The accompanying financial schedule reports the results of the financial transactions of the Automobile Theft Prevention Authority, Department of State Police, for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2008, and September 30, 2007. The Automobile Theft Prevention Authority's operations are accounted for in the State's General Fund and are reported on in the State of Michigan Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

The State of Michigan Comprehensive Annual Financial Report provides general disclosures regarding: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies; Budgeting and Budgetary Control; State Treasurer's Common Cash; Pension Benefits; Compensated Absences; General Long Term Obligations; Contingencies and Other Commitments.

b. Basis of Accounting

The financial schedule contained in this report is prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting as explained in more detail in the State of Michigan Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

The accompanying financial schedule includes only the sources and disposition of authorizations and the changes in balances for the Automobile Theft Prevention Authority's General Fund accounts. Accordingly, the financial schedule is not intended to constitute a complete financial presentation of either the Automobile Theft Prevention Authority or the General Fund in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

The State of Michigan has not officially closed the books for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2008.

Note 2: Common Cash Participation

The fund balances of the Authority are deposited in the State Treasurer's Common Cash Pool and interest is earned on those balances.

Note 3: Other Income Included reimbursements from AAA of \$1,815.31 and NICB of \$176,485.75.

Note 4: Change in Grant Year Beginning in 2008, the ATPA Board of Directors changed the grant program from calendar year to fiscal year ending September 30 to coincide with the State of Michigan fiscal year.

The following schedule represents 2008 assessments which are based on the number of earned car years of insured vehicles in 2007 providing no-fault personal injury protection. The assessment was due on April 1, 2008.

INSURANCE COMPANY ASSESSMENTS RECEIVED IN 2008

COMPANY NAME			Assessment			COMPANY NAME			Assessment		
1	State Farm Mutual Automobile Ins. Co.		1,138,399			33	Teachers Insurance Company		16,325		
2	Auto Club Insurance Association		961,754			34	GEICO Indemnity Company		16,284		
3	Auto-Owners Insurance Company		699,399			35	Wolverine Mutual Insurance Company		14,442		
4	Citizens Insurance Co. of America		486,594			36	Amica Mutual Insurance Company		12,832		
5	Progressive Michigan Ins. Company		404,776			37	Westfield Insurance Company		11,326		
6	Allstate Insurance		386,249			38	Great Lake Casualty Insurance Co.		9,546		
7	Farm Bureau General Ins. of Michigan		322,372			39	National Interstate Insurance of Hawaii		7,448		
8	MEEMIC Insurance Company		305,049			40	American Bankers Ins. of Florida		5,788		
9	Nationwide/Titan Insurance Companies		214,974			41	Northern Mutual Insurance Company		4,928		
10	Farmers Insurance Exchange Corp.		175,977			42	Harleysville Lake State Insurance Co.		4,867		
11	Liberty Mutual Fire Ins. Company		114,910			43	DaimlerChrysler Insurance Company		4,800		
12	Frankenmuth Mutual Ins. Company		105,837			44	State Automobile Mutual Insurance Co.		4,704		
13	Pioneer State Mutual Ins. Company		99,975			45	American Fellowship Mutual Ins. Co.		3,936		
14	United Services Automobile Association		96,225			46	Partners Mutual Insurance Company		3,821		
15	Grange Insurance Co. of Michigan		92,826			47	The Travelers Indemnity Co. of America		3,515		
16	Bristol West Insurance Company		66,906			48	Mercury National Insurance Company		3,271		
17	American International Ins. Company		65,005			49	Michigan Automobile Ins. Placement F.		2,228		
18	Michigan Insurance Company		49,574			50	Great Northern Insurance Company		1,602		
19	Property & Casualty Ins. Co. of Hartford		47,815			51	Emcasco Insurance Company		1,351		
20	Michigan Millers Mutual Ins. Company		46,118			52	American Modern Home Insurance Co.		1,347		
21	Metropolitan Group Prop. and Casualty		37,215			53	Employers Mutual Casualty Company		1,062		
22	Safeco Insurance Co. of Illinois		36,739			54	The American Insurance Company		647		
23	Hartford Insurance Co. of Midwest		33,325			55	Pacific Specialty Insurance Company		356		
24	IDS Property & Casualty Ins. Co.		32,916			56	RLI Insurance Company		244		
25	Hastings Mutual Insurance Company		30,502			57	Electric Insurance Company		235		
26	Esurance Insurance Company		29,948			58	Western General Insurance Company		88		
27	Fremont Mutual Insurance Company		24,067			59	QBE Insurance Corporation		71		
28	Unitrin Direct Insurance Company		23,245			60	Pharmacists Mutual Insurance Co.		30		
29	Affirmative Insurance Company		23,167			61	Tokio Marine & Nichido Fire Insurance		10		
30	The Cincinnati Insurance Company		22,865			62	Various small insurance companies ¹		10		
31	SECURA Supreme Insurance Company		20,224			63	ACE Fire Underwriting Insurance Co.		9		
32	Dairyland Insurance Company		18,618			Total			6,350,687		

(1) Various : Merchants Mutual Insurance Co.	8
Fireman's Ins. & Indemnity Ins. Co. of N. America	2
Total	10

2009 ATPA PROGRAM CONTACTS

LAW ENFORCEMENT

	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Fax</u>
Grosse Pointe Park Police Department	Chief David Hiller	313/822-4406	313/822-4577
Genesee County Auto Theft	Lt. Paul Plude	810/655-8185	810/655-8058
Detroit Fire Department, Arson Section	Chief Gery Victor	313/596-2950	313/596-2964
Hamtramck City Police Department	Ofcr. Greg Collins	313/876-7824	313/876-7829
Southfield City Police Department	Det. Lawrence Jones	248/796-5547	248/796-5545
Michigan Department of State	Ms. Ruth Baker	517/636-0806	517/322-3434
Oakland County Auto Theft Squad	Sgt. Kevin Banycky	248/858-5208	248/858-9565
Ottawa County Sheriff's Office	Dep. Dennis Wright	616/738-4004	616/738-4062
Macomb County Auto Theft Squad	Lt. John Michalke	586/469-6491	586/469-6844
Muskegon Heights Police Department	Lt. Chris Dean	231/733-8896	231/733-8898
MSP—SW Commercial Auto Recovery	D/Lt. Dale Hinz	269/337-4051	269/337-3163
MSP—Downriver Auto Theft Team	D/Lt. Ray Collins	734/285-6467	734/285-6243
Dearborn City Police Department	Lt. Mark Tobias	313/943-2274	313/943-3093
MSP—Monroe Auto Theft Team	D/Sgt. Jeff Hart	734/848-3445	734/848-3502
MSP—Western Wayne Auto Theft Team	D/F/Lt. Edward Gerds	734/397-0090	734/397-1378
MSP—Washtenaw Area Auto Theft Team	D/Sgt. George Warchock	734/994-8652	734/994-8657
Detroit City Police Department	Lt. Marlon Wilson	313/596-2043	313/596-2727
Saginaw County Auto Theft Team	Sgt. James Cross	989/759-1729	989/759-1525
Grand Rapids Area Auto Theft Team	Sgt. Stanley Lis	616/456-3338	616/456-3799
Lansing City Police Department	Det. Vicki Dahlke	517/272-7477	517/272-7450

PROSECUTORS

Genesee County Prosecutor's Office	Mr. Tony Tomaszewski	810/237-6138	810/766-6523
Oakland County Prosecutor's Office	Ms. Margaret Scott	248/858-8795	248/858-0660
Saginaw County Prosecutor's Office	Mr. Alan Reimers	989/790-5332	989/792-0803
Macomb County Prosecutor's Office	Mr. Mike Macherzak	586/469-7293	586/469-5609
Wayne County Prosecutor's Office	Mr. Rodney Hassinger	313/224-0307	313/224-5784

NON-PROFITS

Arab American and Chaldean Council	Mr. Wali Altahif	313/369-4740	313/368-8297
West Grand Neighborhood Organization	Mr. Jim Brower	616/451-0150	616/451-3856
MAVTI Training Unit	Mr. Doug McCallister Mr. Ken Tassie	989/666-0096 517/404-6767	989/834-5309
Southwest Detroit Business Association	Ms. Theresa Zajac	313/842-0986	313/842-6350
Mt. Olive Grand Lodge	Mr. Eddie Allen	313/838-7440	313/273-3410

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Section 1. Act No. 218 of the Public Acts of 1956, as amended, being sections 500.100 to 500.8302 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended by adding chapter 61 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 61

AUTOMOBILE THEFT PREVENTION AUTHORITY

Sec. 6101. As used in this chapter:

- (a) "Authority" means the automobile theft prevention authority.
- (b) "Board" means the board of directors of the automobile theft prevention authority.
- (c) "Economic automobile theft" means automobile theft perpetrated for financial gain.

Sec. 6103. (1) There is hereby created a public body corporate and politic to be known as the automobile theft prevention authority.

(2) The purposes, powers, and duties of the authority shall be vested in and exercised by a board of directors.

(3) The board of directors shall consist of 7 members, appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the senate, 2 of whom shall be representative of purchasers of automobile insurance in this state, 2 of whom shall be representative of automobile insurers doing business in this state, 2 of whom shall be representative of law enforcement officials in this state, and 1 of whom shall be the director of the department of state police or his or her designee. The governor shall designate 1 member to serve as the chairperson of the authority.

(4) Members of the board shall serve for a term of 4 years.

(5) Members of the board shall serve without compensation for their membership on the board, except that members of the board shall receive reasonable reimbursement for necessary travel and expenses.

(6) A majority of the members of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting, or the exercise of a power or function of the authority, notwithstanding the existence of 1 or more vacancies. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, action may be taken by the authority at a meeting upon a vote of the majority of its members present in person or through the use of amplified telephonic equipment, if authorized by the bylaws of the board. The authority shall meet at the call of the chair or as may be provided in the bylaws of the authority. Meetings of the authority may be held anywhere within the state of Michigan.

(7) The authority shall be within the department of state police and shall exercise its prescribed statutory powers, duties, and functions independently of the head of that department. The budgeting, procurement, and related functions of the authority, and administrative responsibilities for employees of the authority, shall be performed under the direction and supervision of the director of the department of state police.

Sec. 6105. The authority shall have the powers necessary or convenient to carry out and effectuate the purposes and provisions of this chapter and the purposes of the authority and the powers delegated by other laws, including, but not limited to, the power to:

(a) Sue and be sued; to have a seal and alter the same at pleasure; to have perpetual succession; to make, execute, and deliver contracts, conveyances, and other instruments necessary or convenient to the exercise of its powers; and to make and amend bylaws.

(b) Solicit and accept gifts, grants, loans, funds collected and placed in the automobile theft prevention fund, and other aids from any person or the federal, state, or a local government or any agency thereof.

(c) Make grants and investments.

(d) Procure insurance against any loss in connection with its property, assets, or activities.

(e) Invest any money held in reserve or sinking funds, or any money not required for immediate use or disbursement, at its discretion and to name and use depositories for its money.

(f) Contract for goods and services and engage personnel as is necessary, including the services of private consultants, managers, counsel, auditors, and others for rendering professional, management, and technical assistance and advice, payable out of any money of the fund legally available for this purpose.

(g) Indemnify and procure insurance indemnifying any member of the board from personal loss or accountability from liability resulting from a member's action or inaction as a member of the board.

(h) Do all other things necessary or convenient to achieve the objectives and purposes of the authority, this chapter, or other laws.

Sec. 6107. (1) Prior to April 1 of each year, each insurer engaged in writing insurance coverages which provide the security required by section 3101(1) within this state, as a condition of its authority to transact insurance in this state, shall pay to the authority an assessment equal to \$1.00 multiplied by the insurer's total earned car years of insurance providing the security required by section 3101(1) written in this state during the immediately preceding calendar year.

(2) Money received pursuant to subsection (1), and all other money received by the authority, shall be segregated and placed in a fund to be known as the automobile theft prevention fund. The automobile theft prevention fund shall be administered by the authority.

(3) Money in the automobile theft prevention fund shall be expended in the following order of priority:

(a) To pay the costs of administration of the authority.

(b) To achieve the purposes and objectives of this chapter, which may include, but not be limited to, the following:

(i) Provide financial support to the department of state police and local law enforcement agencies for economic automobile theft enforcement teams.

(ii) Provide financial support to state or local law enforcement agencies for programs designed to reduce the incidence of economic automobile theft.

(iii) Provide financial support to local prosecutors for programs designed to reduce the incidence of economic automobile theft.

(iv) Provide financial support to judicial agencies for programs designed to reduce the incidence of economic automobile theft.

(v) Provide financial support for neighborhood or community organizations or business organizations for programs designed to reduce the incidence of automobile theft.

(vi) Conduct educational programs designed to inform automobile owners of methods of preventing automobile theft and to provide equipment, for experimental purposes, to enable automobile owners to prevent automobile theft.

(4) Money in the automobile theft prevention fund shall only be used for automobile theft prevention efforts and shall be distributed based on need and efficacy as determined by the authority.

(5) Money in the automobile theft prevention fund shall not be considered state money.

Sec. 6110. (1) The authority shall develop and implement a plan of operation.

(2) The plan of operation shall include an assessment of the scope of the problem of automobile theft, including particular areas of the state where the problem is greatest; an analysis of various methods of combating the problem of automobile theft and economic automobile theft; a plan for providing financial support to combat automobile theft and economic automobile theft; and an estimate of the funds required to implement the plan.

(3) The authority shall report annually on or before February 1 to the governor and the legislature on its activities in the preceding year.

Sec. 6111. By July 1 of every odd numbered year, the automobile theft prevention authority shall prepare a report that details the theft of automobiles occurring in this state for the previous 2 years, assesses the impact of the thefts on rates charged for automobile insurance, summarizes prevention programs, and outlines allocations made by the authority. The director of the department of state police, insurers, and the commissioner shall cooperate in the development of the report as requested by the automobile theft prevention authority and shall make available records and statistics concerning automobile thefts, including the number of automobile thefts, number of prosecutions and convictions involving automobile thefts, and automobile theft recidivism. The automobile theft prevention authority shall evaluate the impact automobile theft has on the citizens of this state and the costs incurred by the citizens through insurance, police enforcement, prosecution, and incarceration due to automobile thefts. The report required by this section shall be submitted to the senate and house of representatives standing committees on insurance issues and the commissioner.

Section 2. Chapter 61 of Act No. 218 of the Public Acts of 1956, as added by this amendatory act, is retroactive and applies effective April 1, 1992.

What You Should Know When Buying or Selling a Vehicle

PRIVATE VEHICLE SALES

- Ask for purchaser's driver's license to fully complete the purchaser's section of the title, and copy the information onto a separate receipt form for yourself.
- Be sure to fill in the actual vehicle mileage box and the sales price line before you sign the title.
- If purchaser presents a bank money order or cashier's check, go to that financial institution and cash it before releasing the vehicle title.
- Never agree to meet purchaser at a remote location after normal business hours.
- It is a good idea to conduct the vehicle sale inside a Secretary of State office because they have records on all drivers and can help you identify the purchaser.

PRIVATE VEHICLE PURCHASES

- Be suspicious of any deal that seems "too good to be true".
- Make sure the title and registration match the name and address of the seller.
- Be cautious of a seller who only gives you their cell phone number.
- Ensure the vehicle identification number (VIN) plate looks original and the rivets that secure the plate have not been tampered with.
- Match the VIN on the dash with the VIN on the registration, the title, and the federal safety sticker on the driver's door.
- Check the issue date on the vehicle's registration and title. If either were issued recently, ask the seller why.
- It is a good idea to complete the vehicle purchase inside a Secretary of State office because they can identify counterfeit registrations and titles.
- For a modest fee, you can find out much about a vehicle's history from an on-line service.

FLOOD DAMAGED VEHICLES

In the future, there may be close to 500,000 cars which were damaged by floods—and not just in the Gulf region. Their titles may have been "washed" in other far-away states. How to identify a flood damaged vehicle:

- Stain marks, rust, mildew, sand, or silt under the floorboard carpet.
- Dried mud under the dashboard, behind wiring harnesses, and in alternator crevices.
- Rust on screws in the console and other areas where water normally would not reach.
- Rust and water residue in the electrical wiring system.
- Anything unusual in the vehicle's title history.

Go to www.nicb.org for more details.